

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

Some men's idea of economy is to buy two drinks for a quarter. He is blind to life's real pleasures who cannot see around the milled edge of a dollar. If always looking on the bright side we never strain our eyes trying to pierce the darkness. It's no fun for a girl to flirt with a man unless she knows she is making some other girl weepy. If the rain catches you without an umbrella just remember that there was a time when there were no umbrellas. If the big fish gets away to-day you stand a chance of catching something better than little ones to-morrow. Some people are so impatient that they think if they set a hen in the evening they ought to have fried chick en for breakfast. If your boy wears out a dozen pairs of shoes a year it's because he is strong and healthy, and shoes are cheaper than physicians. Ostend—Is it true that woman was made of a rib bone? Paw—That's what they say, my son, but I believe it was a jawbone. Solomon answered all the questions that the queen of Sheba put to him, but it's certain that Solomon could have been stumped by a three-year-old boy. Miss Passay—When I was 16 papa gave me the cutest little diamond ring you ever saw, and— Miss Speitz—Gracious! What a memory you have. What's the trouble, Willie? said Mrs. Brown to her small son who was crying. My kite won't fly, sobbed Willie, and I made it out of fly paper, too. A physician declares that people who sleep with their mouths shut live longest. To this might be added that if they keep them shut while awake they will live more comfortably. Wigg—Something ought to be done to cure Saphedde of the wonderful opinion he has of himself. Wag—The only thing that will help him in that respect is to get married. He—Miss Giddy is a splendid dancer; so light on her feet. Miss Chellus—Think so? He—O, yes, light in the extreme. Miss Chellus—You mean light in the extremes, don't you. "Now, Willie," said the teacher, "you may spell kitten." "K-i-t-t-e-n," he slowly spelled. "No, no!" exclaimed the teacher; "kitten hasn't got two i's." "Well, ours has," replied the small observer. "Now, then, children," said the teacher, who had been commenting upon polar expeditions, "who can tell what fierce animals inhabit the regions of the North Pole?" "Polecats," shouted the boy at the foot of the class. Now boys, said the Sunday school teacher; can any of you boys name the three great feasts of the Jews? Yes'm I can; replied one little fellow. Very well, Johnny, what are they? Breakfast, dinner and supper, was the unconsciously logical reply. How d'ye do, Brotner Hayrick? said the country editor; what are you filling the saw for? Cause it's dull; replied Farmer Hayrick; what did ye s'pose? H'm, always file things when they're dull, do you? Wall, no; that's the weekly sheet o' yours; I never file that. Stuckinham Selph—It's easy to obey the Biblical injunction when one's neighbor is a pretty girl. Miss Nextdore—Surely it isn't easy for you. Stuckinham Selph—O, yes. I refer to the command to love thy neighbor. Miss Nextdore—Exactly, but the command is really love thy neighbor as thyself. What part of a fish is found at the end of a book? The fin-is. What is the darkest part of a tune? The pitch. What is the lightest part of a tune? The air. What are the obligatory parts of a tune? The notes. What part of a cat is found in a novel? The tale (tail). What part of a story resembles a piece of ground? The plot. Don't expect to ask for any pity or sympathy in the world, says an exchange. You won't get it, and you will only lose time and add to your distress. If you get into trouble stiffen your upper lip, hold up your head, act as if you were worth millions, defy your enemies, and fight your way out like a man. Have more iron and less putty in your blood. Be more of oak and less of vine, and you will do better and feel better and respect your self more. Horace Greeley was one of the most profane men that ever lived.—Cursing was second nature to him.—He even called himself names that would cause a duel in the South if applied to a friend or enemy. When he realized that he was dying he said aloud: Well, the devil's got you at last, you damned old—. A week after the funeral his daughter, Miss Gabrielle Greeley, wrote to Whitelaw Reid, the young editor in the Tall Tower (Tribune), to know what were the last words of her father. Reid wrote back: Your dear father's last words; I know that my Redeemer liveth.

It's a waste of time to advise a fool. Good old times—grandfathers' clocks. Some men have a large following—of creditors. The proprietor of a comic paper lives by his wits. The black hornet is out now and ready to be sat on. Don't withdraw your bank account on any account. Don't say "Rubber!" the truth of it does stretch. The circus performer likes the ring of hearty applause. The filter manufacturer ought to have a clear conscience. A girl can't even blush unless she has considerable cheek. Even the fat man doesn't rejoice when his hair grows thin. A honeycomb generally lasts as long as the money holds out. A horse isn't declining his dinner when he says "neigh" to it. A lawyer's soft-heartedness is not exactly "legal tender." When a poet's verses come back to him he meets with reverses. Not even the professional dyer is sure of having a dead cinch. The birds of a feather that flock together must be jail birds. People who marry at their leisure sometimes repent in haste. The office that seeks the man is always the one that no man wants. Admirers of pretty girls are not worried about the peach supply. The man with a bad temper isn't any more amiable when he loses it. The powder manufacturer contributes to some of the leading magazines. The knife maker cannot always cut himself off a liberal slice of luck. The dentist can't always overcome the trouble of his nagging wife's jaw. The average woman would like to buy her experience at a bargain counter. Consistency should be the most valuable of jewels considering its rarity. There are fellows who would rather get married than go to work a for living. An honest confession may be good for the soul, but it is apt to sever friendship. In spite of all the talk about race suicide, Cupid never strikes for shorter hours. We are told that figures never lie, and yet we don't always believe a figure of speech. The man who paddles his own canoe often does it because he can't get anybody else to do it for him. Forest fires must be awful ill-tempered things. One never hears of them but that they are raging. A man doesn't object to being called a lumberman, yet to call him a wooden man makes him feel bored. A woman can generally be depended upon to make a fool of a man, but sometimes he saves her the trouble.

"Mamma, please gimme a drink of water; I'm so thirsty." "No; you're not thirsty. Turn over and go to sleep." A pause. "Mamma, won't you please give me a drink? I'm so thirsty." "If you don't turn over and go to sleep I'll get up and whip you!" Another pause. "Mamma, won't you please gimme a drink when you get up to whip me?" This boy will be all right if he grows up with this persistency. "Now, madame," said the counsel for the defendant to a little, wiry, blackeyed, sidgety woman who had been summoned as a witness in a case, "you will please give your evidence in as few words as possible.—You know the defendant." "Know who?" "The defendant—Mr. Joshua Bagg?" "Josh Bagg? I do know him, and I knowed his father before him, and I don't know anything to the credit of either of 'em, and I don't think—"

"We don't want to know what you think, madame. Please say 'yes' or 'no' to my questions." "What questions?" "Do you know Joshua Bagg?" "Don't I know 'im, though? You ask Josh Bagg if he knows me. Ask him if he knows anything 'bout trying to cheat a pore widder like me out of five dollars. Ask—"

"Madame, I—"

"Ask him whose orchard he robbed last and why he did it in the night.—Ask his wife, Betsy Bagg, if she knows anything about slippin' into a neighbor's field and milking three cows on the sly. Ask—"

"Look here, madame—"

"Ask Josh Bagg about that uncle of his that died in prison. Ask him about lettin' his pore old mother die in the poorhouse. Ask Betsy about putting a big brick into a lot of butter she sold last spring—"

The pastor of a Presbyterian church in San Jose believes in filling his church, says the San Francisco Bulletin. In the San Jose papers once or twice a week he inserts a little notice something like the following, which appeared recently: FOUND ASLEEP.—So you slept in church yesterday, did you? Well, it was rather a drowsy day, but if you had been at the Second Presbyterian church you wouldn't have dozed. The pastor preached two earnest, enthusiastic sermons, and the music was alive and inspiring. Mrs. Hillman Smith sang that old favorite, "The Holy City," to the enjoyment of all, and the chorus choir rendered two anthems.—The congregation was nearly as large as the church itself. An old timer there looked around and remarked to a bystander, "Well, I declare, I thought I knew every one who came to this church, but the last few weeks I don't seem to know more than half of them."

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